GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:576
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WATER SHARING AGREEMENTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agreements existing between India and neighbouring countries with regard to sharing of river water;

(b) whether the construction of some projects were also undertaken as a part of these agreements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Following agreements are existing between India and neighbouring countries with regard to sharing of river water:

(i) Treaty between His Majesty's Government of Nepaland the Government of India concerning the "Integrated Development of the Mahakali river including Sarda Barrage, Tanakpur Barrage and Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project". The treaty was signed on 12th February, 1996 and ratified on 5th June, 1997.

(ii) Treaty between Government of the Republic of India and the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh on sharing of the Ganga waters at Farakka. The Treaty was signed on 12th December, 1996.

(iii) Indus Water Treaty between India and Pakistan. The treaty was signed on 19th September, 1960. However, treaty is effective from 1st April, 1960.

(b) & (c) Against agreement at Sl.No.(a)
(i) above only detailed field surveys and investigations have been undertaken for the preparation of Detailed Project Report of Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project. No project hasbeen undertaken for construction against agreement at S.No.(a)(ii) mentioned above.